



May 16, 2004 6th Sunday of Easter

Faith Sharing Readings and Questions

Acts 7: 55-60 Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 John 17: 20-26

Theme:

Jesus gives us special gifts

Question for Adults:

Where do you most experience the unity of God's family?

Question for Children:

What good thing has happened to you that you would like thank God for?

Mon., May 17, 2004

Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a

Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

6:30 – 8:00 pm - Girl Scouts Ceremony

7:00 pm – Lay Ministry Formation meets

Tues., May 18, 2004

Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00pm

7:00 pm – Collection Counters Meet

Wed., May 19, 2004

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15

Evening Mass-5:45 p.m.

Office Hours – 9:00-12:00pm

9:00 am – 12:00 noon - Food Pantry

3pm-7:30 pm – Blood Drive

Thurs., May 20, 2004

Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20

Office Hours - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Parish Committee Assembly-7:00 pm

Fri., May 21, 2004

Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23

Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sat., May 22, 2004

Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28 **Daily Reading**

Acts 7:55-60 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 17:20-26

8:00-9:30am - Men's Group Meet

9:00 - 12:00 noon - Food Pantry

7:00 pm – Boy Scouts Ceremony

5:00 pm – Mass

Ministry Schedule:

Bread Baker: Cecelia Keller, all three Masses

Altar Servers: Barry Vargo, Adam Johnson, Jessica Ferley

Euch: Min.: Body: Greg Sass

Blood: Beth-Ann Ferley, Nancy Sass, Cathy & John Wang

Lector: Cathy Sass & Matthew Sass

Sacristan: Cathy & John Wang

Ushers: Loretta & Bernard Wiehl

Music: Family Choir

Sun., May 23, 2004

7th Sunday of Easter

Readings:

Acts 7:55-60 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 17:20-26

Mass-8:00 a.m.

Ministry Schedule:

Altar Servers: Tanner Quinn, Brianna Quinn, Cheyenne Quinn

Euch: Min.: Body: Bruce Johnson

Blood: Mary Johnson, Larry Williamson, Judy Wilson, Brenda Jacobs

Lector: Marty Quinn & Teresa Thompson

Sacristan: Mary & Bruce Johnson

Ushers: Stan Barber & Marc Jacobs

Music: Regina's Minstrels

9:00 am - Coffee/Donuts

Mass-10:30 a.m.

Ministry Schedule:

Altar Servers: Gina & Megan Czmowski

Bridget Thelen

Euch: Min.: Body: Stephanie Strand

Blood: Brenda Czmowski, Carol Thelen,

Sharon Long, Joan Prybl

Lector: Brad & Mary Blauvelt

Sacristan: Mary & Brad Blauvelt

Ushers: Jim Hoag Rob Varilek

Music: Folk Group

Intentions:

Sun., May 16; 10:30 am – For all Parishioners

Wed., May 19; 5:45 pm– For the sexually abused

Thurs., May 20; 7:00 am – Repose of Souls in

Purgatory

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Those who love me will be true to my word. My Father will love them and we will come to them. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to priesthood or religious life? (John 14:23-29)

Father Mark will be gone Monday May 17 and Tuesday May 18 due to Caritas.

SPARKS FROM MARK:

Entry into the Baptistry

SERMON 2: THE BAPTISMAL RITE

During the Easter season, we have had parishioners share their reflection of their Easter experience. This week I would like to give you an example of a part of a Mystygogia sermon by Cyril of Jerusalem.

The reading is from the Epistle to the Romans, beginning 'Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?' as far as 'Since you are not under law but under grace' (Rom. 6.3-14)

These instructions on the mysteries, and these new teachings which proclaim new tidings, are useful to us all, but especially to you who have been granted new life from old age to rebirth. Therefore I must describe to you the stage which follows, so that you may know what was underlying the symbolic actions you performed in the inner baptistry.

Stripping

2. Upon entering you took off your clothing, and this symbolized your stripping off of 'the old nature with its practices' (Col. 3.9) Stripped

naked, in this too you were imitating Christ naked on the cross, who in his darkness 'disarmed the principalities and powers' and on the wood of the cross publicly 'triumphed over them' (Col. 2.15). Since hostile powers lurked in your limbs, you can no longer wear your former clothing; I do not of course refer to visible apparel but to 'your old nature which is corrupt through deceitful lusts' (Eph. 4.22). I pray that the soul which has once thrown off that old nature may never resume it, but rather speak the words of Christ's bride in the Song of Songs: "I had put off my garment; how could I put it on?" This was a remarkable occasion, for you stood naked in the sight of all and you were not ashamed. You truly mirrored our first created parent Adam, who stood naked in Paradise and was not ashamed.'

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your daily prayers:

Rose Ann Cartney - improved health

Trish Kostel - improved health

Justin Judy- improved health

Joshua Weaver - improved health

Elaine O'Donnell - for healing

Judi James - for healing

Matthew Bearden - improved health

Eric Denekamp - improved health

Terry Roseland – improved health



Faithful
Citizenship

APPLYING CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

"We urge Catholics and others to promote laws and social policies that protect human life and promote human dignity to the maximum degree possible. Laws that legitimize abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia are profoundly unjust and immoral... We support constitutional protection for unborn human life, as well as legislative efforts to end abortion and euthanasia. We encourage the passage of laws and programs that promote childbirth and adoption over abortion and assist pregnant women and children. We support aid to those who are sick and dying by encouraging health care coverage for all as well as effective palliative care."

Faithful Citizenship

-USCCB administrative Committee,

Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political responsibility, pp 18

Voter Registration Deadline May 17th for June 1st Primary.

Register to vote at your County Auditor or City finance office, Driver's License, station, Public Assistance agency, Dept. of Human Services office, or Military recruitment office. Voter Registration application is online at [www.co.\(nameofcounty\).sd.us](http://www.co.(nameofcounty).sd.us). Form must be received by May 17th. Absentee ballots are available six weeks prior to an election at the County Auditor's office or by written application (available at above website) for mailed ballot.

Parish Activities

Baptism Prep: 1st Sunday of each Month.
Call 787-5168 to make an appointment.

Stewardship Committee: Meets 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Liturgy Committee: Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Pastoral Council: Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Men's Club: Meets every Saturday from 8-9:30 am.



STEWARDSHIP May 8 & 9, 2004 General Collections

*Loose-	\$960.55
*Envelopes-	\$4,379.00
Votive -	\$8.50
Building	\$140.00
Adopt a Seminarian	\$115.00
Student	\$52.53
Basket Auction	\$4799.50
OLBH Coffee Mugs	\$298.00
Other	\$727.79
	\$11,480.87

Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost



**Please wear red to Mass May 29/30 to
Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost**

"Thanks" to the volunteers and the parishioners for making the Birthright Flower sale such a success.

Do you have a servant's heart for this ministry; to give emotional and spiritual assistance to women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy situation? If so, please call Jean at 348-5921

Thanks for your help,
The ladies at Birthright



Andy Pitsor, who is a youth in our Parish, and is a member of Boy Scout Troop 88, will be receiving his Eagle Scout rank during a ceremony on Saturday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. at OLBH. Please join him for his ceremony, with cake and refreshments following.



OLBH will be having its annual Vacation Bible School for ages 4-4th grade, starting Tues. June 1 -Sat June 5 at 8:30 am and ends at 11:30 am. Cost is \$15 per child or \$35 per family. For more information please call Brenda, 787-5168



The Rosary

In Honor of our Blessed Mother, the Rosary will be said after each weekend Mass during the month of May. (Check out this web site <http://www.theholynosary.org>)



We would like the names of parishioners and relatives of parishioners that are stationed in/or have just returned from hostile areas of the world. Please give the names to Teresa in the Parish office.

Summer Home Masses

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area for Summer Home Masses. Masses will be at 6 p.m. and potluck will follow. Family and children invited!



Summer Fest '04

Sunday, June 6th-Hike Old Baldy Mountain (southwest of Spearfish), followed by Mass and potluck

Sunday, July 18th-Hike Squaw Creek to Devil's Bathtub/Cleopatra's Gold Mine (Spearfish Canyon), followed by Mass and potluck

Sunday, August 15th - Mass and OLBH Parish Pig Roast & Potluck Picnic (at OLBH)

Sunday, Sept. 26th -Hike/bike Mickelson Trail (Dumont/Rochford/Mystic), followed by Mass and potluck

Diocesan News:

Job opportunity at St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More High School is accepting applications for the full time position of Assistant to the director of Development/Admissions. Requires a team player with a cooperative spirit who has a strong background in book keeping, record keeping and use of computer applications. Applicants must possess good communication skills, a strong capacity for detail and accuracy and be able to work with minimal supervision. Salary depends on proven successful work experience. To apply, send resume to: St. Thomas More High School Development Office, 300 Fairmont Blvd. Rapid City, SD 57701

Christian Family Planning Seminar,

will be offered by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, June 5th in Spearfish. The seminar, a requirement for engaged couples, is also an enriching learning experience for married couples and anyone wanting to know more about NFP and the Church's teachings. For more information, call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541

Introduction to the Enneagram

St. Martins Monastery is hosting "Introduction to the Enneagram" Enneagram is a tool for self-discovery and productivity, in short, teaches us how to get "the best" from all of us. (Sessions on two Saturdays) Offering: \$60.00 includes lunch and handouts. CEU available. Register with Sister Marmion - (605) 343- 2688

Theology on Tap

Come join the Young Adult Group at Casa Del Rey Friday, May 21 @ 7:00 p.m. Topic of the month is "Ask a Priest," with a special emphasis on Marriage... what makes it a Sacrament? For more information, call Lisa at 342-0507

Local Events:

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive in the basement of OLBH Wednesday, May 19, from 3-7:30 p.m. It is important to have community participation for the success of the community blood program.

Annual Salad Luncheon

Grace United Methodist Church of Piedmont, would like to invite everyone to their annual *Salad luncheon*, Sunday, May 16, 2004
11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Adults \$6.00, Children 5-11 yrs \$4.00

For The Ride Home Sixth Sunday of Easter May 16, 2003

Scripture

- Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, (Acts 15:2) ... 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, (Acts 15:28)
- So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. (Psalm 67:3) May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! (Psalm 67:6)
- The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Revelations 21:23)
- Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. (John 14:23b)

Reflection

- What does Jesus mean, "Keep my word?"
- What unnecessary burdens do you place on yourself and upon others?
- How do you show your love for Jesus?
- What does "we will make our dwelling with him" mean to you?

The man who lives and acts according to the grace of Christ dwelling in him acts in that case as another Christ, as a son of God, and thus he prolongs in his own life the effects and the miracle of the Incarnation. (Thomas Merton, *The Inner Experience, Notes on Contemplation*, Harper, San Diego, 2003, P. 41)

